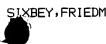


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Column 1, paragraph beginning at line 15;

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conventionally known three types of image reading devices such as a non-contact type, a close contact type and an entirely-close contact type. Recently, in association with requirement for a compact and lightweight type of facsimile machine, image reader, digital copying machine or the like, the image reading apparatus itself is required to be compact

and lightweight. This requirement causes the close contact and entirely-close contact

As this type of image reading apparatus as described above have been

